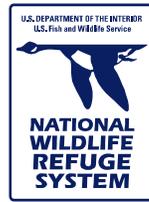


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CLOSURE OF PORTIONS OF PRIME HOOK CREEK

The easternmost four miles of Prime Hook Creek at Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge will be closed from September 11, 2010 through March 15, 2011 for safety concerns due to hunting of teal in September in the adjacent Prime Hook (State) Wildlife Area, hunting on federal and state areas during the three seasonal splits of the waterfowl season, and for other management purposes. The westernmost portion of the creek will be open year-round. Access for boats and canoes is from the boat ramp located behind Brumbley's Family Park off of Route 1 near Waples Pond. For more information, check out our canoe trail brochure or call the Refuge office at (302) 684-8419.

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